dents respectively of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine.

PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENTS. In General Orders, No. 1, was also announced the plan of Provisional Presidents, by the appointment of Mrs. Kate C. Wright, in Minnesota; Mrs. Lizzie D'A. Kinne, in California, and Mrs. Helen Hinsdale Rich, in Missouri. In General Order, No. 2, under date of Oct. 3, appointment of Mrs. Alma S. Bennett as Provisional President of Dakota was announced, and later that of Mrs. Ida L. Babcock, Provisional President for Oregon, and Mrs. Jennie B. Atwood, Provisional President of New Jersey. Mrs. Rich having informed the National President that she would be out of the State much of the time, she was relieved as Provisional President of Missouri, and the organization of the State assigned to Mrs. Lizzie Anderson, National Junior Vice-President. Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, National Senior Vice-President, was specially assigned to Vermont and Rhode Islan I. The Provisional Presidents were fully instructed from National Headquarters, and they in turn communicated instructions to Corps in their own States, organized and instituted Corps, arranged for D. partment Conventions. and, as was right and proper, were elected Presidents of the permanent Departments. To the very superior services of Mrs. Bennett, in Daketa, Mrs. Wright, in Minnesota, Mrs. Babcock, in Oregon, and Mrs. Atwood, in New Jersey, we are prepared to announce four as complete Departments in the entire work of the organization as there exists in the Union. The intelligent and comprehensive discharge of all duties by Mrs. Kinne, of California, is the more commendable in consideration that her remoteness from any organized Corps, and her inability to be present at any Convention, has precluded the possibility of her receiving any work in detail, save through the medium of correspondence and written instructions.

Additional aids appointed in first General Orders were Mrs. M. M. Jones, to the Depart- tion. The adoption of the report is most earment of Tennessee; Mrs. Maggie A. Bywater, to the Department of Washington Territory. and Miss Ella G. Sherwood, to the Department of Missouri. Mrs. Jones declining to serve in this capacity. Mrs. Leila P. Roby, President of Abraham Lincoln Corps, Chicago, was appointed to fill the vacancy. This recognition of special services of Mrs. Roby to the Grand Army throughout a long term of many years is one rightly deserved by that lady. LEGISLATION OF NATIONAL CONVENTION.

As instructed by the second annual Conventional Convention in directing the establishment of both National and Department reresolution to co-operate with the Grand Army in securing Congressional recognition of the preparing State papers for which, except in one instance, she received no compensation; as well as of army nurses and of others who had rendered like service and are now suffering from neglect, if not absolute want. Also, of the of eligibility to membership of all loyal women, tional President is happy to state that, as far by the same. as the National organization Woman's Relief Corps can control, all these provisions have

Department relief fund. WORK OF RELIEF. In pursuance of the provisions establishing a relief fund, and to aid in securing pensions for Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Bickerdyke, and other needy army workers, a committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. Abbie M. Gannett, Malden, Mass.; Mrs. Annie Wittenmeyer, Philadeiphia, Pa., and Mrs. Juliet G. Howe, York, Neb., of whose excellent report made to this Convention your special approval is solicited. This committee was instructed to devise ways and means to assist the loyal women specially named in securing necessary pensions, and such medical attention and home comforts as they might need. Mrs. Wittenmeyer and Mrs. Howe both belonging to the noble ranks of army would be all the stronger for their sisters in need. The good work of this committee has been compiled in a most admirable manner by the chairman of the committee, Mrs. Gannett, showing how great the general interest in the

special line of work and how rich the promise

for any future efforts which may be put forth.

Instructed to form a relief fund, with nothing in store in the general fund from which the National President could draw at discretion, the plan of an open letter to Posts and Corps suggested its if. This call was prepared by the National President asking for a special contribution from Posts and Corps of 10 cents per member. The Commander in-Chief gave his signature to the call, and launched on the wings of faith the simple appeal went forth both to the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps. The appeal brought touching and tender responses from all over the land; the comrades of the far West, notably those of Colorado and California, sending their contributions with a hearty "God bless you" that often brought tears to the eyes and certainly courage to the hearts of those who were not mistaken when they turned to the brave old comrades of the battle in behalf of those women who were to them an inspiration and a benediction a quar-

THE 10 CENT FUND. The amount of money raised by the 10 cent fund was \$0.53.05, a small sum in the aggregate, but representing the hearty goodwill of 10,000 loval nearts and indicating the desire that Congress should quickly legislate for those who have borne the sacrifice and rendered timely service to their country and the men who saved it. Whatever is done this work should never flag. It is a part of the obligation we owe to ourselves and to the brave men whose cause we

BADGES AND DIES.

ter of a century ago.

The Committee on Badges appointed by the Convention at Denver, and which made its report at Minneapolis, has been continued, Mrs. Sarah E. Fuller, Chairman. Upon reconsidering the design, as presented at Minneapolis, it was star would not be satisfactory. The design was, therefore, recommitted to the committee with center, suspended from a bar pin bearing, the officer wearing the same-vellew, red and blue this Convention. distinguishing the National Department and Corps officers, respectively -The badge completed, a die of the same was

ordered for all official paper, to be furnished by the National Treasurer to Departments at 35 cents, to Corps at 50 cents each. Corps were instructed to order from Department Treasurers, and Department Treasurers from the National Treasurer. Seals were not ordered changed, as the additional expense was deemed a little more than the National President felt like incurring at the time, owing to the many extra expenses of the year. But it is recommended that the incoming administration be instructed to make an early change, employing the proper emblem in all our official work. Card dies have been ordered. The price having been fixed somewhat below the cost at

which the National Treasurer can well furnish the same, it is recommended that Departments be furnished the die at 20 cents, instead of the price named, to be sold to Corps at 30 cents.

RULES AND REGULATIONS. The National President very early discovered Woman's Relief Corps, as adapted to the Naof prompt and decisive management not pro- appointive officer by the President. such laws as were essential to the mainte- perform, while there are times when it becomes nance and preservation of law and order. It | necessary for the Guard to leave the room. An

President felt that if sustained by the Grand Army of the Republic in her course of action she would not bring upon herself the censure of the Woman's Relief Corps if she went beyond their expressed instructions to promote their good. After a full conference with Grand Army officials in command, the announcement was made in General Orders, No. 2, that the decisions and opinions of the Commander-in-Chief and Judge Advocate-General of the Grand Army of the Republic, compiled by Gen. Jas. R. Carnahan, Judge Advocate-General, 1882-83, and adopted and approved by the National Encampment, July, 1883, would stand as the recognized authority in the Woman's Relief Corps, in so far as the decisions are applicable reiterated after the publication of "The Grand Army Blue Book" by Commander-in-Chief R. B. Beath and the substitution of the same, as more complete, was sanctioned.

As the National President reviews the manifold complications of the year that is past, considers the threatening troubles that arose in the several Departmen's already named, every one of which was dissipated by a close adherence to these Grand Army rules, she realizes very forcibly that a wisdom above her own guided and controlled her in the course pur-

Councils.

the public good.

honorary members.

BLACK BALLS.

sons why the candidate should not be admitted

is a real objection to a candidate a member.

Having myself offered the resolution in last

National Convention granting the National

Convention and Departments the privilege of

creating one honorary member each year, I

can with better grace recommend that this

privilege be withdrawn. It was never my in-

tention that such construction should be placed

a part of business routine. The motive which

influenced me was that it would give the Na-

tional and Department organizations an oppor-

several most worthy comrades have been prop-

erly honored, while on the other hand those

who deserved the greatest honors have been

personal service. It is therefore recommended

that the Woman's Relief Corps, following Grand

ELIGIBILITY.

majority with which the National Convention

of 1884 declared for the eligibility to member-

ship of all loval women, an effort was made in

Kansas to petition to this Convention to declare

against the admission to membership of all but

the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of

soldiers. A petition was prepared by Lincoln

Corps, Topeka, and circulated among the Corps

of that State, asking the Department Conven-

tion to instruct its delegates to reopen the ques-

tion. The Department President of Kansas

brought the matter to the attention of the Na-

tional President, asking what course she should

the question would revive an element of dis-

cord in that Department. The National Presi-

dent maintained the right of a Corps to petition,

but advised that the Department President care-

fully instruct the Kansas Corps concerning the

position of the National Convention on this

question and the great need there was for the

work of all loyal women to carry on the great

objects for which this organization exists. This

was done, and the Kansas Convention, on the

vote which followed, reaffirmed the decision of

RELIEF CORPS NOT AN INDEPENDENT ORDER.

been reiterated that no Relief Corps can exist,

as a part of the National Order, which is not

Republic; also, that no charter can be held by

isting between Post and Corps. Also that a

Relief Corps must bear the name of the Post to

which it is auxiliary, and that it cannot bear

The Department President of Colorado

granted a charter to Denver Relief Corps, aux-

iliary to four Posts. Upon advice of the Na-

tional President the charter was revoked and

the Corps organized as Meade Relief Corps. In

Kansas City, a Relief Corps was organized, ex-

pecting to be instituted as Union Reliet Corps. The National President held as before that no

charter could be issued under that name, and

the association took the name of Farragut Re-

From Maj. Howe Corps, Massachusetts, an ap-

peal came from the decision of the Department

charter revoked on a resolution of Maj. Howe

In Wisconsin, the former Department Presi-

dent, Mrs. Clara B. Sloane, was suspended for

three months for a violation of the article per-

taining to secrecy. At the end of that time

suspension was removed, in consideration of

MEMORIAL DAY.

the recommendation of the National President

to prepare a memorial for the unknown dead

and those who sleep on far-away battlefields;

to remember the lowly graves of the army

their long rest, is but another evidence of that

fervid patriotism which finds ever such beauti-

ful expressions in words and deeds of tove. Let

it be ours to perpetuate this tender and touch-

ing custom. It was my privilege to visit one

of these cemeteries on the peaceful Sunday fol-

lowing Memorial Day, where had been erected

a temporary monument bearing the words, "In

Memory of the Union Dead on the Southern

Battlefields." At the base, over which the bees

danced and the butterflies hovered, were bas-

kets and bouquets and wreathes and crosses of

flowers, bearing the name of the unknown,

with such inscriptions as "Killed at Chicka-

mauga and never identified," "To my brother

dering boys and girls, thronging around the

monument and reading the inscriptions, I

every year be multiplied, that in these Kinder-

gartens of Union sentiment our youth and chil-

The efforts put forth to disseminate a com-

quired. The effort of the National President

has been to bring our whole work to as perfect

a system as possible, when having thus secure

prosper. A very large business has been done

in badges, from which the National association

be saved to the Departments it has been done.

The main object has been to push the work as

rapidly as possible, while incurring no unneces-

sary expense. For traveling expenses very lit-

tle has been incurred. The National President.

Secretary and Treasurer found their past work

for the year at their desk. The National Ju-

nior Vice-President, Mrs. Anderson, made the

full tour of inspection of Missouri, attended the

Department Convention and presided at the

organization and performed much other impor-

tant services, at her own expense. Words fail

me in expressing a full sense of her value and

efficiency in extending and perfecting the

work, especially in Missouri. The National

Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Fuller, presided at

the organization of the Vermont Convention

OFFICERS AND THEIR SALARIES.

It is recommended that the National Conven-

and all it has cost.

-Andersonville." And when I saw the won-

coming under the decisions of the year.

sustained by the National President.

the name of more than one Post.

Repeatedly during the year the decision has

the National Convention.

Notwithstanding the very overwhelming

A Committee on Discipline was at the same time announced, consisting of Mrs. Mary S. Bergen, of Ohio; Mrs. Mattie B. Moulton, of New Hampshire, and Mrs. Katrina S. Beedle, of Massachusetts. The committee was instructed to so simplify the provisions on discipline of the Grand Army as to apply to the Woman's Relief Corps. Mrs. Bergen, who was in close communication with National Headquarters and familiar with the difficulties with which the officers were contending, was prepared to present to the members of the committee outside an intelligent view of the situanestly recommended.

DECISIONS AND OPINIONS. Decisions and opinions have been required during the year covering nearly every question that has arisen in the government of the Grand Army, and by the authority of the Grand Army rules they were promptly given. It would take up by far too much valuable time to enumerate all these. By an arrangement with the National Secretary every question covered, for which no provision was made in Rules and Regulations, was immediately jotted down left out and the honor bestowed through some tion, such revision of Rules, Regulations, blanks and a record kept, that recommendations and applications have been made as was necessi- might be made in National Convention tated by the nature of the changes. Copies of looking to an amendment of the rules. Good and Wellare cards were directed to be These decisions were so many that the sent out with all future Corps supplies, and the | National President spent several days and attention of Corps called to the importance of | nearly all of several nights in a personal and providing the same. The action of the Na- careful revision of the Rules and Regulations. embracing all that she believes should be combined in the same. A copy of this she presents lief funds were also communicated; also, the | with this report and asks that it be referred to a special committee to act upon the same. At the same time she earnestly prays for the adopservices of Anna Eda Carroll, who rendered | tion of the revision as a whole, as she is absoimportant service to the War Department in lutely certain that it is for the good of the association.

The Woman's Relief Corps has no reason for the belief that it can be successfully managed under less stringent and peremptory rules than those governing the Grand Army, so long as it adoption of a distinctive badge, and giving preserves the same kind of an organization as members of Corps then in existence until July, that which governs the Grand Army. The 1885, to make the change from badges in com- | moral law was made no less stringent for woman mon use. Also, the settlement of the question I than man. The Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army have been the growth of a score by a vote of 76 ayes to 7 nays. The Na- of years. We should both pattern and profit

Let those Departments which have happily worked under present rules, those Departments been put in operation, and that several of the which exist in the old and conservative com-Departments have taken steps to provide for a | munities, consider the wants and needs of their less fortunate co workers in the heterogenous population of the West and give them such protection as shall be conducive to the best development of their work in all its branches. The estimate has been carefully made as to the cost and it is found that the revised Rules and Regulations, printed in the close type and on common print paper of the Grand Army, would cost no more than our present style, on fine auxiliary to a Post of the Grand Army of the paper and in open type; while answering every purpose for which they are intended. A revised | a kelier Corps, should the Post to which it is copy should be placed gratis in the hands of auxiliary ask a dissolution of the relations exevery Corps President serving at date of re-

REVISIONS OF THE RITUAL. The ritual, while beautiful and impressive, should undergo certain revisions. For instance, workers, it was deemed that their sympathies | the name " Freasurer " should be substituted for "Secretary," where the President declares the Corps closed, since according to Rules and Regulations it is the Corps Treasurer and not the Secretary who is made the depositor of supplies. The appointment of such a committee should be directed.

> CASH FOR SUPPLIES. It is believed that Departments which have lief Corps. In Auburn, N. Y., a charter was been struggling under a debt at National Head- refused under similar rulings. Numerous inquarters have been embarrassed in their work, or have made very slow progess from three causes: (1) Crippled by a low per capita tax, forb.dding the necessary printing and the incurring of other expenses necessary to the vigorous prosecution of their work ; (2) because of the credit system, which has required the National Treasurer to issue supplies to Departments, and Departments in turn to Corps forming or formed, without the forthcoming money to pay for the same; (3) insufficient care in the selection of officers and a regard for special qualifications of the same, and too little regard by them of that careful and studious attention to their respective duties which secures and compels success. An increase of per capita to at least 10 cents a quarter, in Departments having a lower rate, and the adoption of the cash system for supplies, is heartily recommended. The cash system has been thoroughly tested in the Department of Michigan and has proved a marked success. Had this plan been pursued in New York and had all money flowed through the proper channels, such an anomaly as a defaulting Department Secretary (as New York

was made to suffer from last year) would not | nurses and those of our own number, gone to have been possible.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS. It cannot be too clearly impressed upon De partments and Corps that the President is the directing officer of the association, that the Secretary is the recording officer, and the Treasurer the di-bursing officer. But each should understand that without the other she can perform no work. It is as much out of character for the President to usurp the duties of Secretary or Treasurer, as it is for the Secretary or Treasurer to usurp the duties of President, or discovered that to complete the design of a of one another. Much confusion and at least Maltese cross suspended from a Grand Army | absolute malfeasance in office as in case noted, has been caused by the one officer working independently of the other. All orders should be instructions to make such modification as made by the Treasurer, upon instruction by would create a neater badge, while retaining | the President, and all moneys for whatever the emblems adopted in Convention. The re- purpose pass through the Treasurer's hands, sult was the badge afterwards announced o a even if the next moment it is repaid to the Maltese cross, with the Grand Army medalion officer forwarding the same. A peremptory order that all orders for supplies should be letters F. C., L. For officers the name of the | made through the Treasurer should be made by

INSPECTIONS. The National President is satisfied that in- a large amount of printing, besides seven Genspections are of the greatest possible value eral Orders, Circular Letters, Letter of Instrucwhen properly conducted. In order to save tions, Instructions to Department Secretaries traveling expenses to Corps, in Departments and other needed printing has been done as rehaving a small contingent fund, the appointment of District Inspectors is recommended. In Departments having a sufficient contingent fund the National President recommends that traveling expenses be assumed by Department Headquaters, in order that the services of the best officers may be secured. OFFICERS -- NATIONAL, DEPARTMENT AND

Provisions have been made in the revised Rules and Regulations presented to this Convention, for the substitution of a National Connselor and National Instituting and Ins alling Officer, or a National Conductor and National Guard. Also of a Department Counselor and Department Instituting and Installing Officer for Department Conductor and Department Guard. Also of the election of an Assistaut Conductor and an Assistant Guard, correthat Rules and Regulations governing the sponding to the Sergeant Major and Quartermaster Sergeant in the Post. It is well undertional work after Denver and as revised after | stood that there are really no duties which Minusapolis, were yet wholly inadequate for distinctly belong to a National or Department the government and conduct of the National Conductor or Guard, while the services of a association. National Headquarters was del- National and Department Counselor and Na- and has performed ready service whenever uged with correspondence asking a solution to | tional or Department Instituting ard Installing | called upon so to do. Corps troubles and multitudinous questions, to Officer would be of the greatest possible value answer which no provision was made in our to each administration. The National Counwritten law, or, indeed, in our unwritten law, | selor would correspond to the Judge Advocatewritten law, or, indeed, in our unwritten law, selor would correspond to the Judge Advocate- tion fix a proper salary for both the National Save as we fell back upon Grand Army rule General and the National Instituting and Inand precedent. One of two things presented stailing Officer to the Chief Mustering Officer. itself: either to allow the Woman's Rehef In the Departments the same relative rank

National Secretary is especially absorbing, owitself: either to allow the Woman's Relief In the Departments the same relative rank ing to the mass of correspondence and reports Corps to go adrift into disintegration for lack would be preserved. Each should be made an passing through her hands, leaving her no single hour of the 24 which she can call her own. vided for in Rules and Regulations, or 'y a In large Corps much delay is occasioned by A fixed sum, which would enable her to secure somewhat arbitrary course of action to declare the amount of work the Conductor is called to such assistance as would be necessary should be named. The work performed both by Miss

NATIONAL AND DEPARTMENT COUNCILS. tional Treasury, even when tendered by the National President; but in some instances the The provision for a Board of Directors to pass upon such questions and measures of leg. National President has made it peremptory on the part of the National Secretary, who was islation as may arise during the year in their Departments is virtually a dead letter because these faithful and intelligent officers, quick to of the unwieldy character of the Board, which is made up of the Staff officers and a Director

tributed in a very full measure whatsoever of success has attended this administration. from every Corps having no Department officers. No provisions are made for a Board of National The National Secretary has been a constant Officers save by election from year to year. inspiration and her personal fidelity and rare Revised Rules and Regulations therefore have provided for National Council of five members efficiency will be remembered with earnest by election and for a Department Council of gratitude as long as memory lasts.

The National Chaplain, Mrs. Annie Wittenfive members by election, who shall constitute a Council of Administration, to whom all speservice to the Woman's Relief Corps, while on cial questions arising shall be submitted, the to questions arising in the Corps. This was | President and Secretary, National and Depart- | the lecture tours through the West, and has ment, to be officers ex-officio of their respective | been instrumental in organizing numerous Corps and in creating a fraternal interest among the comrades. Mrs. Sias, the National Conductor, was assigned to the Department of Ma-The National President in recent decisions ryland and has been faithful to her trust achas held that the President of a Corps should cording to the measure of her health and not recognize a black ball unless, when the strength. Mrs. Louis F. S. Holbrook, holding opportunity was presented, the objecting memthe appointment of National Instituting and ber should state to the Corps any known rea-Installing Officer, has rendered most signal service in acting as an arbitrator in difficulties This requirement has been provided for in which have arisen and has greatly endeared revised Rules and Regulations, and if adopted herself to all with whom she has been assowill do more to crush personal malice and aid

the establishment of good government than Mrs. Sarah C. Nichols, National Inspector. any provision that may be required. If there has passed through severe trials, both in her Department work and the serious illness theretrue to her obligation, owes it to herself and to by resulting. For this reason her report canthe Corps to state the same. No one has the not be submitted to this Convention, but will right to carry personal prejudices into work for be laid before the National Council in time for the printed reports. It shows the work in the Departments faithfully performed. JOINT ENTERTAINMENTS.

The monthly or occasional socials and entertainments shared in by Posts and Corps have been most agreeable features of auxiliary work, and much pleasure and profit have been derived thereform. Their continuance should be encouraged in all the Departments. AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS.

upon it as that it should become mandatory or To Mrs. Lizzie D'A. Kinne, Department President of California: Mrs. Ada F. Clarke, tunity of showing some special recognition of Past Department Secretary of Ohio; Miss Magthe services of those who had been pioneers in | gie Monroe, Department Secretary of Iowa, are our work, and who had aided us in establishing acknowledged the receipt of amendments and in the Grand Army a confidence in our work revisions, which, as they have been embodied in revisions and agreed with those the National when it was new and untried. Under the rule President had determined upon, are not presented separately.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS TO THE GRAND ARMY. To Commander-in-Chief John S. Kountz, Adjutant-General Alcorn, and Judge Advocate-General Austin special thanks are due for Army precedent from and after the date of this counsel and encouragement rendered through-Convention, withdraw the privilege of creating out the year. Also to Past Commanders-in-Chief Robert B. Beath and Paul Van Dervoort; also to Department Commanders Henry M. Nevius, of New Jersey; R. B. Brown, of Ohio; F. J. Babcock, of Oregon, and Thomas S. Free, of Dakota, for services rendered the National association in their respective Departments. The Past National President, Mrs. Florence E. Barker, has been a faithful friend and counselor throughout the year.

THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. Throughout another year THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE has placed its columns at the disposal of the Woman's Relief Corps, and its proprietor, Capt. George E. Lemon, has offered on call to afford such financial assistance as might be needed to carry on successfully the work of the pursue, as she feared the renewed agitation of association. The fact that this was not needed NATIONAL TRIBUNE the National Secretary has been able to reach each week every Relief Corps in every State in which we have an organization. Without it little would be known of the work, and its development would be very slow. To the various Department papers which have given space to our work, our thanks

COME, LET US REASON TOGETHER. We have assembled to counsel calmly together how to best strengthen and perfect an association, which, as Comrade Beath has assured us, stands destined to be the Grand Army Reserve, ready to respond for efficient help in all their social and charitable work. Let all our proceedings be marked with dignity and decorum, knowing that it is as true to-day as when it was in the days of old that a gracious woman retaineth honor; that where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of

counselors there is safety.

The Woman's Relief Corps is even now the most complete organization among women: the most systematic and carefully managed. Let us go on to better things, knowing that in proportion as we excel in the day of small things we shall rejoice in the year of increase. Let the message be passed along from Department to Department, and from Corps to Corps: "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou

excellest them all." THE VETERANS.

stances of a similar character may be cited as | Peroration of Hon. S. W. S. Parks's Decoration

Day Address at Absecon, N. J. Time rolls on, years pass quietly into eternity. the marshal's roll-call grows fainter and fainter, President, sustained in convention, ordering the weary march of the veteran grows feebler and feebler as the sun of their lives slowly de Fost, to the effect that they declined longer to clines behind the hilltops of their bloody experecognize the Corps as auxiliary. Decision rience. The sanguinary days have come and gone, perhaps never to return. The limb of the crippled pedestrian lies in some sunny slope of the South, and yet he trudges along, unno ticed, uncared for, poor and hungry, to his last place of refuge, which he had the misfortune of escaping when bullets rang clear through the air and shells burst around him. They decopast services and the plea of guilty through in- rate the graves of the heroic dead with garlands of flowers, the sweet messengers of love, while the cup of bitterness is held with unswerving hand to the lips of the poor, mangled, The ready response which the Woman's Re-lief Corps in the several Departments gave to heroic living! Cover them over with the purities of God's creation, as they sleep the immortal sleep of eternity. Cherish their deeds, excuse their errors, forgive them their sins, bless them for their patriotism-they bought it with their lives-but for the sake of consistency, the love of patriotism and the divinity of manhood, turn one moment to the living heroes. Relieve their wants, support them on their single limb, feed their starving families, not save all to embellish the sod over their unconscious selves, and their Decoration Day will not be a hollow mockery. The hand of charity in the city of the dead will not be the limit of a people's love. My friends, the flag of our country should spread alike its folds over the dead and the living participants in those dark and gloomy days. The deeds of valor of the living are no less than those of the dead. There is but a breath of air and a beat of heart between this world and the next for any of us. Charity, then, should be greater than all things

A Locomotive With a History. prayed that these mute object lessons might [Railroad News.] There is still running on the Western & At lantic road in Georgia, hauling a passenger dren might learn the full meaning of loyalty train, the old locomotive "General," which was the pursued party in one of the most exciting chases on record. The locomotive was carried off by a small party of Federal scouts | self-protection. plete knowledge of our work has necessitated during the war, while the engineer and fireman were at dinner, and the train was stopping at Big Shanty. The pursuit was kept up over 100 miles before the engine was finally recaptured, and she was only abandoned when entirely out of fuel and water, and the journal the supply of oil having almost entirely run foundations we will the more rapidly grow and out. In this case the "General" and the pur-suing engine probably made the fastest time ever run on a Southern road, although all has a small revenue. Wherever expense could parties were too much engaged in the business on hand to keep any record of the actual speed.

Evidently Believes in "Sheol." [Paris Morning News.] He looked earnestly at the two glass hand

grenades that hung on the walls of the corridor at Drury Lane. "How thoughtful," he said, "of the management to provide bottles of water in case of faintness among the ladies." "Them's fire extinguishers," interrupted the attendant. "When a fire breaks out you throw a bottle on it. and they puts it out."

"Yes; big or little." "Then I'll have half a dozen put into my

"Any kind of Gre?"

On the Right Side to the Last. [American Register, Paris.] When Hugo awoke, M. Lockroy approached him and asked: "Would you like a drink?" "Yes," replied Hugo in a distinct voice. "Well, we are going to give you an American drink." "Ah!" ejaculated the dying poet. "An American drink. Then it is also a Republican drink."

\* \* Rupture, pile tumors, fistulas, and all diseases 'except cancer) of the lower bowel Sibley and Mrs. Turner the past year has been | radically cured | Book of particulars two letwas here that the advantage of a recognized Assistant Conductor and Assistant Guard should something enormous. Both have declined to ter stamps. World's Dispensary Medical Asso-employ assistants, at the expense of the Nacional be provided.

New England Girls. [Boston Letter in San Francisco Bulletin.]

It is not true, as I had always ignorantly believed, that all the girls in Boston wear certainly going beyond her strength. To both glasses and go about with volumes of Euripides | fined organs representing the brain, the seat of comprehend and swift to execute, must be at- out, and only those whom short-sightedness ens. Their color is as delicate as an arbutus elastic. I have in mind a young woman whom I had often seen and admired, without know- ing the sensation of the others. meyer, has been able to render very important | ing who she was-a clear-eyed, finely-fibered creature, simple, serious and sincere, wi h girlish grace and womanly dignity combined. I was not at all surprised to learn that she was a High-school teacher of Greek and Latin, though she might easily be the center of distinctively social life or the inspiration of a poem. The New England girl is a charming type and it is a mystery to me that so many Yankee youths who go West should forget these lovely girls ly, or he could have stated it in words given and bind their faith to the young women of Ohio, Minnesota and Oregon. I suppose it is part of the law of progress, but it is as inscrutable as when a Northerner ceases to care for the 'first fine flavor of the frost," or a Southerner ceases to enjoy the rush of an ice-laden wind. I love my pines among the Sierras, that stand up strong and tall and dauntless, while the wild flowers never forget to smile below them. But I look from my window now upon the spreading branches of these lower pines and rejoice in them, glad that it was a Western poet who said:

They shouldered their snow in silence, and stood before the Lord.

Billy Nye on His Birthplace.

[Boston Globe.] A man ought not to criticise his birthplace, I presume, and yet, if I were to do it all over again, I do not know whether I would select that particular spot or not. Sometimes I think I would not. And yet, what memories cluster about that old house! There was the place where I first met my parents. It was at that time that an acquaintance sprang up which has ripened in later years into mutual respect and esteem. It was there that what might be termed a casual meeting took place, that has, 146 feet in circumference and 282 feet between under the alchemy of resistless years, turned to golden links, forming a pleasant but powerful bond of union between my parents and myself. For that reason I hope that I may be spared to my parents for many years to come. There on that spot, with no inheritance but a predisposition to premature baldness and a bitter hatred to rum; with no personal property but a misfit suspender and a stonebruise, began a life history which has never ceased to be a warning to people who sell groceries on credit.

Lincoln Answers R. M. T. Hunter.

[Balt more American.] The appointment of R. M. T. Hunter to a small Federal office in Virginia recalls an anecdote of the peace negotiations at Hampton Roads between the agents of the Confederate Government and President Lincoln. The conference, as is well-known, was brought about by the elder Francis P. Blair, who visited Richmond under a flag of truce. There were present President Lincoln and Secretary Seward, on the part of the United States, and Alexander H. Stephens, Robert M. T. Hunter and John A. Campbell, on the part of the Confederacy. The Confederate agents desired the recognition of the power of "President" Davis to | When they desire to call a meeting they premake a treaty. Mr. Lincoln would not consent | sent a shingle to each of the members. to this, and would not in any way recognize another "President" within the territory of the United States. Mr. Hunter cited the example of Charles the First treating with the rebels in his own kingdom. Mr. Lincoln replied that his only distinct recollection of that matter was that Charles lost his head.

An Oregon Effort.

A correspondent of the Examiner, W. L. Johnson, writes from Lake View, Ore., May 26, as follows: "A wonderful fish is becoming numerous in Goose Lake. It is called by some the greenback fish, for it is certainly an inflationist. It has the power to fill itself with air until it becomes very much like a round ball. Of evenings about sundown they may be seen playing on the surface of the water. They will swell up by taking in the air, and the wind will blow them over the lake. They reflect all the colors of the rainbow, and when sporting over the lake are a grand sight. A hunter several weeks ago saw a crane swallow one of these fish when in its normal condition, but before the crane had got more than 50 feet up above the lake the fish had taken in enough air to explode the crane, which, at the sound of a report like that of a gun, flew all to atoms, and the fish came lightly down on the water, no worse off for the short ride in the air. The fish is a great curiosity, never having been found, I believe, in other waters."

A Silent Partner. [New York Tribune.]

A tall woman with a red face and confident manner walked into an up-town bank a few days ago and presented a check. "No good, madam," said the teller briefly.

the check is not indorsed." "Never mind that," said the applicant for cash, "it's all right, he's my husband." "It makes no difference. We must have his own signature, even if he is your husband." "Well, give me a pen and I'll sign his name. just want you to know, young man, that he's a mighty silent partner in our combination and I'm the boss!"

Conveniences at a St. Louis Bar. [Reported by Jealous Chicago Herald.]

Customer-" Gimme a little good whisky." Barkeeper-" All right." Customer (catching his breath after drinking) .- "Wha-what's that glass thing hanging on the wall there?" Barkeeper-"That? That's a fire extinguisher."

Customer (with enthusiasm) - "Thank heaven there's one at hand. Turn it into me, quick."

A Voice from the Northwest.

Mr. Israel E. Sheppard is an old and respected citizen of Walsha County, Territory of Dakota. For nearly four years be suffered from muscular rhoumatism, and began at last to fear that his affliction would be chronic. Two years ago he procured a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil and after a week's use found the pain gradually leaving him. He continued the remedy, effected a speedy cure, and has not been troubled with rheumatism since.

Plea for Children. [Indianapolis Journal.]

A singularly constituted person makes an elaborate plea through a Philadelphia paper for fair treatment for children at hotels and Summer resorts. If, on the strength of this appeal, landlords are induced to allow children any more privileges than they now possess, unfortunate old folks can only take to the woods in

Belief in Miracles. Mr. S. W. Benerman, of Philadelphia, Pa., for many years identified with the wholesale hardware business, had rheumatism in his arm, and could not dress or undress but with the bearings had been almost entirely melted out. | most excruciating pain. He used St. Jacobs Oil, and the result, he says, was wonderful if not miraculous.

> Don't Know When They Are Well Off. [Arlington (Texas) World.]

Some men never know when they are well off. A man recently got a \$25,000 verdict for damages from a railroad company, and thought it was too little. He got a new trial and a verdict of six cents. Another man, having been acquitted of murder, went away and got married the same day.

> A Model Cyclone Pit. [Athens (Ga.) Banner.]

Ed Harris, of Watkinsville, has built one of the best evelone pits we ever saw. It is on the side of a gully, is perfectly dry and fitted up with chair, table, and stove. It is as large as an ordinary sized room and perfectly safe. Poor Fellow.

[Troy Times.]

Clerk's office for verification to-day contained

A pensioner's paper presented at the County

the following marginal explanation by a Justice of the Peace, in whose presence the paper was signed: "The erazur of the word New-York was done after the execution of the affiant." In Coming Fly-Time.

[Jacksonville (Fla.) Herald.] By stretching a string near the ceiling of a room ilies will use it to light apon instead of the walls, that can thus be kept all the Summer free from fly specks. This is a good thing for bald-headed people. Insect Pain.

[Scientific Journal.] Minute dissections have proven that insects, though possessed of nerves, have no well-deand Spinoza in their hands. Glasses are quite | concentrated feeling, where all the nervous connections meet. They have, instead, a chain compels wear them. They are the sweetest, of ganglia or bundles of nerve-substance, from daintiest damsels on earth, these Puritan maid- each of which nerves branch out to contiguous parts; so that the sensations are not all carried blossom, and with the incoming fashions of to one grand focus of acute sensibility as with health they are growing stronger and more | us, but form, in fact, separate systems, any one of which might be destroyed without disturb-

The Value of Punctuation.

London Echo. Mr. Hubbard had a petition to present to the House of Commons last night from the Young Men's Christian Association, praying for better protection for girls and young women. He might have done this in several ways. He could have put the petition into the bag silentabove. But he need not have risen solemnly. and said, without any punctuation: "Mr. Speaker, I beg to present a petition for the better protection of girls and young women from the members of the Young Men's Christian Association."

A Blind Fisherman.

[Mount Desert (Me.) Herald.] Paul Pinkham, of Millbridge, a blind man, has followed the lobster business for 10 years. His boat is guided by his wife, but he hauls his traps, takes out his lobsters, puts on the bait as well and as quickly as if he could see. He has caught a ton a week for three weeks. Mr. Pinkham makes his own traps and builds his own boats. In the blueberry season he picks berries for the canning factory nearly as fast as those who can see.

The Oldest Living Thing on the Globe. The oldest living thing upon the globe is the cypress of Santa Maria del Tule, in the Mexican State of Oaxaca. This venerable monarch of the forest, still instinct with apparently strong life, probably spans the whole period of written history. It is still growing. Humboldt speaks of it in 1851 as measuring 42 feet in diameter, the two extremes.

> She Had Mixed the Evenings. [New York Sun.]

Her head was pillowed on his breast, and looking up in a shy way she said: "Do you know, dear George, that-" "You mean dear James, I think," he interrupted, smiling fondly at her mistake. "Why, yes, to be sure. How stupid I am! I was thinking this is Wednesday evening."

How She Wanted It.

[Wilmington (Del.) News.] Yesterday a little girl did not want to go to school because it was "too awful hot." When asked if she liked Winter better she said: "In Summer it is too hot to go to school and in Winter it is too cold. I like the weather just New Secret Society.

[San Francisco Alta.]

The young men of Vacaville have lately organized a new lodge named the Frog, in which there are three degrees. The first degree is the Tadpole, second Pollywog and third the Frog.

> Of No Advantage. [Norristown Herald.]

A scientist says that if a man were agile in proportion to the agility of the flea, he could leap over a three-story house. But such a gift would be of no advantage to him. The Constable or Sheriff who was after him could jump

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FOR THE LADIES.

— Three of the loveliest young ladies invited to the dinner of the New York Coaching Club with-drew as soon as possible in disgust. The hall was lighted with burners in pink globes, and the effect of the reflection on their snow-white costumes was

of the reflection on their snow-white costumes was something awful.

— A matrimonial agent, with a rich heiress on her books, is just the sort of business lady to succeed in Paris. Such a person has turned up there, and has been largely patronized by bachelors in quest of wives with fortunes. She took a room and announced in a copious list of ladies, eligible and ready to marry, that a rich heiress, the owner of 2,000,000 francs, was anxious to find a husband. The matrimonial agent had not less than 20 suitors for the hand of the unknown lady. She received them separately, but would not divulge the name to any one under 500 francs. Everyone paid the \$100, and all were sent to various parts of France. As might be expected, they returned to Paris lovelorn, the clever lady having disappeared with a total of 10,000

- Dr. Alice B. Stockton writes in the People's Health Journal that unless a woman has tried loose clothing she cannot conceive how much she gains for health and strength by a dress that gives per-fect freedom to breathe. "Sixteen thicknesses of e oth," she says, "is no unusual number to be found tightly fastened about a lady's waist." Concerning this matter she once heard a Chinese woman exclaim: "Christian woman squeeze God's

- Quite a sensation has been made in Paris by some bitter attacks made in the public journals by M. Pagranne on the piano. He declares that piano playing degrades the whole science of music by bringing it down to a vulgar level. There are so many middling players who inflict themselves on society, in season and out of season, that music has got to be esteemed a bore. But what he chiefly ob-jects to is the inducement offered by piano playing to young girls, and other people devoid of real musical talent, to spend large portions of their time in acquiring an accomplishment in which they are

doomed never to excel. -A couple recently married in Lynn, Mass., were at a loss for a bridesmaid. A friend called at an intelligence office in Boston and secured the services of a handsome woman to act in the ca-pacity desired. He paid \$3 for her services, besides

paying her expenses both ways. She had never seen nor did she know the contracting parties. SCIENTIFIC CHAT.

— The birds of Louisiana, papers of that State say, will soon be exterminated. The colored people there not only make birds an article of food, but have begun to use their eggs for the same purpose. The eggs of patridges, robins, wrens, mocking birds, and all others that they can get their hands on are eaten. - Two years ago several large iron spikes were

for some purpose driven into a very old apple tree near Clyde, N. Y., that for years had been nearly barren. Last year it was filled with large, fine apples, and now the blossoms are plentiful enough to warrant a good supply of fruit. The owner believes that the spikes restored to the tree its original prolifle qualities, and is now trying the experiment on other trees in his orchard. He is likely to be grievously disappointed. - Fitteen years age the net forest revenue of

British India was \$250,000. Now it is \$2,000,000. Forest culture has brought about the change.

—An Italian ship has been covered with glass plates, the joints being made water-tight with waterproof mastic. It is claimed that glass is better than copper because it will not rust or become encrusted.

PERSONS AND THINGS. - King Theebaw, of Burmah, is having a 20-ton

brass idol cast for a new pagoda palace which he is constructing.

—A Frenchman named Combeville, who lives near Saint Dennis, recently inherited 50,000 francs. The money worried him. How to take care of it, how to invest it, and how to guard against thieves and sharpers puzzled him during the day and kept him awake in the night. At last he couldn't stand the annoyance of riches any longer. So he hanged

himself.

— It is said that the Astors have paid at the rate of \$6,000,000 per acre for land in Wall street. The land for the Drexel property, corner of Wall and Broad streets, which was bought during the highest period of inflation, cost at the rate of \$14,000,000

per acre.

— Will Carleton, the poet, says Howells, the novelist, works but two hours out of the 24 and has a first-rate time the rest of the day.—Detroit Free Press.

- Women are in the moral world what flowers are in the phy 1 al .- S. Marechal.

Scrofula

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